GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Disciplinary proceedings initiated against Sri A.Bharath Kumar, IFS formerly Divisional Forest Officer, Kakinada - Imposition of a penalty of "Censure" under Rule 6 of the All India Services (Discipline and Appeal) rules, 1969 - Orders – Issued.

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That the Member of Service has failed to guide the field staff, leading to excess expenditure in charging areas than actual existence and other irregularities.

That the Member of Service has failed to guide the field staff leading to procedural financial irregularity in Rajavommangi Range of Kakinada Division".

Thus the member of service by his above mentioned acts has failed to maintain absolute integrity devotion to duty and exhibited conduct unbecoming of a member of Service and thereby contravened the rule 3(1) and 3 (2) of AIS (conduct) Rules, 1968".

2. In the reference 2nd read above, the member of service has submitted his Written Statement of Defence denying the charges. Government after examination, entrusted the charges framed against the member of service to Dr Prem Chand, IAS (Retd.) Member, Commissioner of Inquiries, to conduct Inquiry into the charges vide reference 3rd read above.

3. In the reference 4th read above, Dr.Prem Chand, IAS, (Retd), Commissioner of Inquiries, has completed the inquiry, and submitted his report finding that "On the basis of documentary and oral evidence adduced and in view of the reasons given above, the charges 1 and 2 not proved, charge No.3 proved and charge No.4 partially proved".

4. Under Rule 9 of AIS (D&A) Rules, 1969 a copy of the inquiry report has been communicated to the Member of Service for further representation if any on the findings of the inquiry report though Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, A.P, Hyderabad vide Government Memo in the reference 5th read above. In the reference 6th read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, A.P has stated that the findings of the Inquiry report have been communicated to the Member of Service through RPAD, and subsequently reminded to submit acknowledgement and that the Member of Service has neither submitted the dated acknowledgment nor submitted any representation.

5. The Government after careful examination of the matter have provisionally decided to impose the penalty of "**Censure**" on the Member of Service and also to recover excess expenditure of Rs.1,71,785/- from the charged officer; and, accordingly, the advice of the Union Public Service Commission has been sought for on the provisional decision of the Government vide letter 7th to 9th read above.

6. In the letter 10th read above, after taking into account all other aspects relevant to the case, the Union Public Service Commission while observing that, the element of the charge relating to the release of excess payment to the tune of Rs.1,71,785/- in respect of the stated 07 VSSs, is not substantiated in the absence of adequate documentary evidence or witnesses, has advised that the ends of justice would be met in this case, if the penalty of "Cencure" is imposed upon the Member of Service Sri A.Bharath Kumar, IFS.

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7. After careful examination of the entire matter, Government is hereby agree with the recommendations of the Union Public Service Commission and decided to impose the penalty of 'Censure' on the Member of Service. Accordingly, Government hereby impose the penalty of "Censure" on Sri A.Bharath Kumar, IFS, formerly Divisional Forest Officer, Kakinada, with immediate effect.

8. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF) Andhra Pradesh, Guntur and the Pay and Accounts Officer, A.P. Vijayawada shall take necessary immediate action in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

R.P.SISODIA
PRINCIPAL SECRETRY TO GOVERNMENT (POLITICAL)

To
Sri A.Bharath Kumar, IFS, formerly Divisional Forest Officer, Kakinada presently working Conservator of Forests, Ananthapuramu (Through the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Guntur).

Copy to:

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Guntur (with a request to serve the order on the MoS and return the dated acknowledgement to Government for record)
The Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forest, Paryavaran Bhavan, CGO Complex, Lodi Road, New Delhi-110003.
The Secretary, Union Public Service Commission, Dholpur House, Shajahan Road, New Delhi-110069.
The Pay and Accounts Officer, A.P., Vijayawada
The Accountant General (A&E), Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.
The E.F.S. & T. (For.IV) Department
The General Administration (SC.C)/(SC.E) Department
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SECTION OFFICER (SC)